

## House Resolution No. 2266

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the history of one of the Show-Me State's oldest communities; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellington, Missouri, is commemorating the resplendent occasion of its Seventy-fifth Anniversary in 2003; and

**Whereas**, today's Ellington enjoys a long history with roots extending back to 1837 when Thomas Barnes established a village called Barnesville situated on the Bellevue Trail which ran from Van Buren, through Pilot Knob, and on to Ste. Genevieve; and

**Whereas**, the Bellevue Trail was profitable for transportation in peacetime, but proved to be disadvantageous during the Civil War when both Union and Confederate forces used it to harass each other and the residents of Barnesville, which quickly suffered destruction; and

**Whereas**, local families built another town south of Logan Creek following the war and named it Ellington in 1868 after Polly Ellington who was married to frontier entrepreneur William Copeland, who built a general store and sawmill which cut most of the boards used to construct three more stores, a Masonic Hall, a blacksmith shop, a livery stable, and twelve homes by 1983; and

**Whereas**, the citizenry of Ellington formalized the legal status of their long-standing, self-sufficient city through incorporation in 1928; and

**Whereas**, nestled in the pristine beauty of the Ozarks, Ellington has experienced the changing importance of the timber and mining industries, and agriculture to the health, wealth, and vitality of the community's residents and institutions; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellington has also utilized the natural beauty of the surrounding land with its crystal-clear lakes and streams, abundance of wildlife, and rugged terrain to draw visitors to the area in search of solitude, recreation, and impressive splendor:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the citizenry of Ellington upon this very special anniversary event; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the City of Ellington, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2266, adopted April 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker